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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0571

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: WA, PORG, SF  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PRESENTING THE PROPOSALS

1. RECOMMEND WE PLAN TO PRESENT THE FINAL WESTERN PROPOSALS  
TO THE INTERNAL GROUPS IN NAMIBIA AFTER THEIR PRESENTATION TO  
THE SAG AND SWAPO AND PREFERABLY BEFORE EITHER OF THESE TWO  
HAS PUBLICLY COMMENTED ON THE PROPOSALS. IT SHOULD BE  
POSSIBLE AT THAT TIME, WITH A REASONABLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS,  
TO ENCOURAGE CHURCH AND NAMIBIAN NATIONAL FRONT LEADERS TO  
COME OUT PUBLICLY IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSALS.  
SUCH STATEMENTS WOULD DRAMATIZE SUBSTANTIAL NAMIBIAN SUPPORT  
FOR THE WESTERN APPROACH AND INCREASE THE PRESSURES ON  
BOTH SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAPO. IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR  
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WESTERN OPPOSITION TO AN EVENTUAL INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

2. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE TO BE EXPLOITED. SINCE  
BOTH A RETURNED FROM HIS VISIT TO WINDHOEK AFTER THE PROXIMITY  
TALKS IN NEW YORK (CAPE TOWN 291), THERE HAS BEEN NO  
PUBLIC MENTION HERE OF THE RESULTS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR-  
GENERAL'S SOUNDING OF OPINION AMONG THE INTERNAL POLITICAL

LEADERS. THE REASON FOR THIS SILENCE MAY WELL BE FOUND IN THE FACT THAT, AS OUR OWN SOUNDINGS SHOW, THERE IS SIGNIFICANT BACKING IN NAMIBIA FOR OUR EFFORTS (CAPE TOWN 412).

3. WHILE THE CAPE TOWN FIVE COULD CARRY OUT THIS MISSION, WE WOULD GENERATE CONSIDERABLY MORE ATTENTION TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR PURPOSE AND TO THE RESPONSE OF THE NAMIBIANS IF THE NEW YORK CONTACT GROUP ITSELF OR AT LEAST DON MCHENRY WITH ONE OR TWO OF THE OTHER MEMBERS COULD TRAVEL TO WINDHOEK TO PRESENT THE PROPOSALS. WE SUGGEST IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS, IN FACT, FOR THEM TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION IN QUICK SUCCESSION TO SWAPO IN LUSAKA, THE SAG IN CAPE TOWN AND THE INTERNAL NAMIBIAN GROUPS IN WINDHOEK.  
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